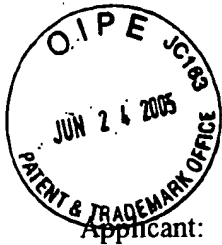


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This Response is in reply to the Final Office Action mailed May 18, 2005 in the subject application. In response to the Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.